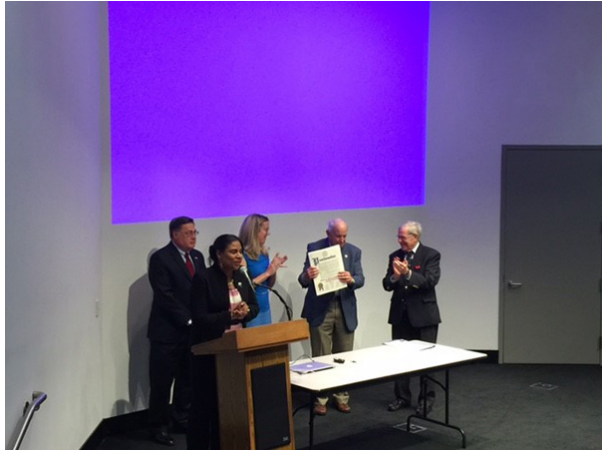


Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Cartright Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Stony Brook University School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences

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Farmingville, NY – On October 13, Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) and Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright (at the podium) attended the 50th Anniversary of the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS) at “The Risk of Saying Nothing” anniversary event. Former director, Jerry Schubel, was honored and recognized for his tremendous contributions and work establishing the center. During his presentation, he highlighted the importance of advocating for the environment. For 50 years SoMAS has been exploring solutions to address a myriad of environmental issues. SoMAS addresses challenges on a local level here on Long Island, while also working to solve major worldwide environmental problems. Recently, SoMAS, in coalition with other departments, set up a “Map-A-Thon” event to assist those suffering from the impact of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. During a three-hour period, Stony Brook students, professors and employees navigated satellite maps in search of buildings not yet documented in relief efforts. Their work was uploaded and used by the Red Cross to provide relief services to victims.

Supervisor Romaine said, “The Stony Brook University School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences has been at the forefront as a strong advocate for Long Island and the rest of the world. I am proud to honor them for all they have done to protect and preserve our environment for generations to come.”

“SoMAS has made critically important contributions to marine research around the world and locally here on Long Island,” said Councilwoman Cartright. “As policy makers, it is important that we have partners in the scientific community who can work with elected officials and municipalities to develop sound environmental policy. SoMAS has been that partner and we look forward to collaborate with them over the next 50 years.”

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